

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 4, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An authentication device according to the present invention comprises: ~~the eye~~ an eye image pickup device ~~according to claim 1~~; an authentication information formation unit for forming authentication information from the eye image of a user to be authenticated entered from the eye image pickup unit; and an authentication unit for authenticating the user by comparing and collating the authentication information with registered authentication information which has been registered previously.